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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 9, 2006. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicant(s) hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group I, claims 1-25 and 27-29, for prosecution in the instant application. Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement because it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to search and examine all the claims. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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